Replacement of Existing number plates

*637. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to replace the existing number plates with high security number plates for more than two crore vehicles within a specific period of two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Road Research Institute has given some specification for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to get them implemented before enunciation o(the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Technical specifications of high security registration plates and the names of agencies authorized to carry out testing have been notified by the Government. Any prospective vendor has to get his product approved by one of these testing agencies. Thereafter, it is upto the concerned State Government to select a vendor or vendors for supplying these plates.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Export of high performance Computer and Other Items

*638. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States of America has decided to remove the restrictions on export of high performance computer and other high tech items to other countries including India;